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Dear Requester:

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Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
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Records Management Division

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BULLETIN

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The Christian Conservative Leadership Council has been organized in Jackson, Miss. The [redacted] is [redacted] an [redacted] in Jackson. This council is made up of members of the John Birch Society, Citizens Council of Miss., Women For Constitutional Government, and A.A.A. The primary purpose of the organization is to coordinate the political activities of these organizations. The council intends to support candidates in all elections and to demand from all those running for public office that they commit themselves on the matter of civil rights. The council believes that politicians that refuse to come out firmly against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and proposed voter registration legislation, should be defeated. The APWR supports this attitude and many APWR members are expected to be active in supporting the council.

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John Birch Society representative discusses talk he will make tonight

Reed Benson, official representative of The John Birch Society who will speak at 7:30 tonight at the Community Center, met the press in a scheduled interview this morning at Holiday Inn and discussed the talk he will give on "Why I Joined The John Birch Society."

Benson's appearance here, sponsored by The American Opinion Committee, is one of three he is making on his third trip to Mississippi and a part of his role as an official spokesman for the society, coast to coast.

Oldest son of former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, the visitor said he joined the John Birch Society

after a full year of investigation during which he was impressed by the friends the society had gained (former FBI agents, counter-spies and dedicated patriots; the enemies it had made (leaders and spokesmen for the Communist party); and its leadership, specifically Robert Welch, whom he said "has been consistently accurate in calling the shots on procedures of the Communist party."

Of the information compiled by The John Birch Society, which Benson said is chartered as an educational corporation under the laws of Massachusetts, he had these things to say

The society's primary purpose

is to educate the people of America to the Communist influence in their country and throughout the world. Action without education is turmoil; education without action is frustration. There must be facts and knowledge behind accomplishment of the legal and moral ends for which the society aims. The means of reaching those ends are as important as is the conclusion.

The society is concerned with less centralized government and more individual responsibility. People are beginning to know the society for what it is instead of what its enemies say it is.

The only official investigation of the John Birch Society was made at its request by a committee from the California Senate which published its findings in 1963 following two years of investigation. It concluded that the society is a right wing anti-Communist fundamentalist organization.

The reason the society has attracted so many members is because it appeared to these people to be their only way to learn the truth. The society has collected a vast supply of literature which is available through some 300 centers or by writing directly to the society. A monthly bulletin keeping abreast of current objectives is available to non-members as well as members.

Although non-political, with about a 50-50 membership in the major political parties, and non-religious, the society encourages its members to be active in the party and church of their choice.

"Time is always on the side of truth, so we are not worried about our place in history," Benson said.

"We are primarily concerned about the direction leaders of the civil rights movement are taking and the official Communist party support of many civil right groups. We are concerned about the kind of people with whom Dr. Martin Luther King has surrounded himself.

"Persons in high positions can help the Communist party accomplish its goals without being members of the party. Pseudo-liberals are inclined to swallow its philosophy whole. In judging the actions of former president Dwight Eisenhower there are three alternatives. He was duped by Communist influence; he was inspired by political motives; or he was a conscious agent of the Communist party. There is not too much difference, considering results. The tragedies of the Eisenhower administration have been compounded under Kennedy and Johnson.

"The Berlin wall should have been stopped. Where will we draw a line? Not at Berlin, not in Cuba and not in Panama. We haven't stood up to them yet." Benson praised the dedication of J. Edgar Hoover, who he said is the foremost authority on Communism. "I fear and tremble at thought of the day when he will be out of the FBI" Benson said.

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EDWARD HUNTER

Lecturer, Author best-selling texts
on Communist brainwashing

TOPICS

The Softening Up of America
The Pentagon "Gagging" Case
What You Can Do About Communists
The Anti-Anti-Communist Drive
Brainwashing from Pavlov to Powers
China Inside and Out

EDWARD HUNTER is the free world's outstanding authority on Communist brainwashing, the first to use the word in writing in any language. His work put the word into the dictionary. In 1956, after interviewing American prisoners of war released by the Chinese Communists in the Korean War, he wrote two important books, Brainwashing in Red China and Brainwashing: The Story of the Men Who Defied It. A new edition of the latter, enlarged and retitled, Brainwashing: From Pavlov to Powers, and many other important writings, followed.

The factual information contained in Hunter's accounts served as the basis for indoctrination courses to prepare American military personnel against Communist cruelties should they have to live under captivity.

Hunter has testified before both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He sparked the probe of the "muzzling", by Pentagon and State Department censors, of anti-Communist military officers. He testified on the current drive to discredit anti-Communist organizations, showed the attack was ordered by the World Convention of Communist Parties in Moscow on December 5, 1960, followed by directives in America. Dean Manion described his published testimony as a "sensational document which every patriotic American should read carefully and completely."

A foreign correspondent for 40 years, Hunter in the early years was editor of the Tokyo Advertiser, Hankow Herald and Peiping Leader. His career parallels the development of psychological warfare... He saw the creation of the puppet state of Manchukuo; was in Ethiopia covering the conquest by the Fascists; witnessed two Spanish civil wars; covered the various foreign offices in Europe from Wilhelmstrasse and 10 Downing Street to the Quai D'Orsay on the eve of World War II. He saw the elements that were building the psychological warfare pattern of World War III.

On the lecture platform Edward Hunter shows how Communist psychological methods are today being used in the softening up of America, and how they compare with methods used in other countries preparatory to conquest.

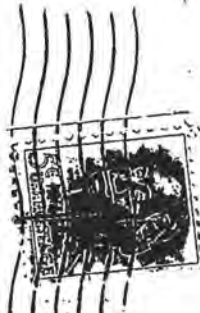
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

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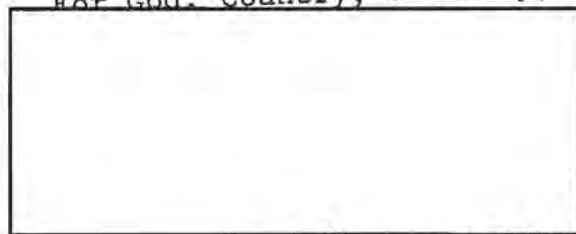
Dear [redacted]

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which has been sent to Section and Chapter Leaders in the State of Miss., announcing the showing of The John Birch Society's new film entitled "Anarchy USA". Attached to this letter is a schedule of the showings.

We would be most happy to have you or any of your agents over the State attend any of these showings.

In closing, I wish to express my personal appreciation to you, Mr. Hoover, and the entire FBI for the outstanding work you are doing towards helping to keep this Republic free from the evil forces that are at work today.

For God, Country, & Family,



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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

September 6, 1966

Dear Section and Chapter Leaders:

The film, Anarchy USA (see August 1966 bulletin) consisting of 2 reels of 16mm film and running for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes, is being made available for use in Miss. during the week of September 12th. Obviously, we cannot begin to show it to all of the chapters in this State in this limited time, but we are scheduling it to be shown to as many sections as possible.

Anarchy USA shows how the agitation and rioting now being promoted in this country under the banner of "civil rights" follows exactly the same pattern and purposes as similar programs under equally deceptive banners which were carried out by the Communists in Cuba and in Algeria -- as well as in many other countries. We believe that this film will awaken any patriotic American who sees it, to the real meaning of the sinister events now making headlines in so many newspapers across our country, under the general heading of "civil rights". And that it will give even reasonably well informed patriots a far better understanding of what the Comsymps (communist sympathizers) are trying to accomplish in this area of their activity; of how and why; and of the imminent threat to the property, the freedom, and the lives of all good Americans of all races which the Communist advance has now become.

In addition to familiarizing the members and their friends (including local law enforcement officers and City and County officials) with this film, our purpose in showing the film in your city is to inspire them to purchase one for their permanent local use.

Let me express my appreciation to all of you for your co-operation in setting up these meetings on such a short notice. I am sure that your efforts will reap worthwhile benefits.

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TOWN	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Philadelphia, Miss.	Monday Sept. 12th	12:00 Noon*	To be arranged by Chapter Ldr
Forest, Miss.	Monday Sept. 12th	7:30 PM	Mendum's Cafe
Meridian, Miss.	Tuesday Sept. 13th	12:00 Noon*	Downtowner Motel 19th Ave. 11th St.
Greenwood, Miss.	Tuesday Sept. 13th	7:30 PM	To be arranged by Chapter Ldr
Greenville, Miss.	Wednesday Sept. 14th	12:00 Noon*	Roy's Steak House - Hwy 82E
Jackson, Miss.	Wednesday Sept. 14th	7:30 PM	Silver Room Heidelberg Hotel
Vicksburg, Miss.	Thursday Sept. 15th	12:00 Noon*	To be arranged by Chapter Ldr
Hattiesburg, Miss.	Thursday Sept. 15th	8:00 PM	YMCA
McComb, Miss.	Friday Sept. 16th	12:00 Noon*	Boyt's Restau- rant
Gulfport, Miss.	Friday Sept. 16th	7:30 PM	Gold Room Markham Hotel
Pascagoula, Miss.	Saturday Sept. 17th	12:00 Noon*	Cotita's Restaurant

* Denotes that this meeting will be a dutch lunch. Please arrange with the restaurant to serve a regular lunch in order to eliminate the taking of orders so that there will be less confusion. Due to the length of the film, the showing will begin on time and we will eat while the show is in progress.

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September 30, 1966

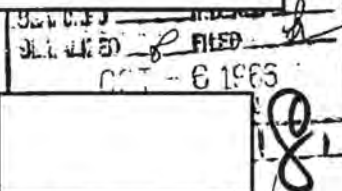
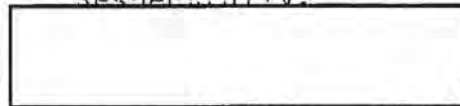
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I have been invited to several meetings of the John Birch Society, and have attended several of the local meetings. What I want to know is it considered a subversive organization? From what I have seen it looks like a real Mississippi type of patriotic type of organization.

I consider myself a very much concerned patriotic citizen. Do you have an opinion on this question you could pass on to me. I certainly don't want to get involved with the wrong groups.

Respectfully,



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October 5, 1966

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 30th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, it is contrary to my policy to furnish the type of evaluation you requested. You may wish to know the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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VAST EXPANSION**John Birch Society
May Reach 10,000**By TOM NORMAND
Daily News Staff Writer

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John Birch Society -- in Membership Drive

The John Birch Society is opening an educational and membership getting campaign throughout the nation counted to almost immediately enlarge its membership to 300,000 compared to the present roll of 100,000, it was announced here Wednesday.

Ultimately, millions of patriotic Americans are expected to be enlisted in the organization, said to be waging an all-out fight against Communism in all forms.

Rex Westerfield, Dallas, regional manager for the public relations section of the society, in Jackson for a meeting, said that he is fostering the expansion plan at the moment in this state where it is hoped that citizens will rally to the Society.

He was accompanied to Jackson by Vernon Pace, of Forest, state coordinator for Mississippi.

Pace is one of 40 coordinators in the region and it is anticipated that he will be joined by four additional men or leaders in the five Congressional districts in this state.

Since there are ten states in the Southwest Region, some 240 coordinators will be assigned to this area.

In Mississippi, Westerfield said, it is hoped that 100 chapters of the John Birch Society may be formed in as many communities. It is felt that an average of 20 members may be signed up in each chapter.

Only people of "good moral character, religious background and known integrity" are invited to membership, usually by neighbors who know them, according to Westerfield.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party, States Rights Party and Minutemen are barred from membership.

Mr. Westerfield said that the three chief disturbing elements in this nation opposed by the John Birch Society are the continuance of the War in Viet Nam without a win; the supposed non-violent demonstrations and inflation.

He said that Alabama is today the strongest fort of the John Birch Society in this section of the country, that Alabama has recently been called the fastest growing John Birch State with Arkansas and New Jersey following in that order.

Westerfield said that the John Birch Society takes no part in political campaigns, and that membership embraces all parties, depending in party strength on sectional areas of the country. He suggested that more Democrats belong in the South.

He told newsmen that the Society deals with basic issues and that knowledge of issues and remedies will be the educational effort largely pushed by the society.

Westerfield said that the John Birch Society feels the Viet Nam War should be handled by the military, that President Johnson is violating his oath by prosecuting a war without declaration of war, and that all resources of the military should be put into the war for an early victory.

A "presentation" meeting of leaders and candidates for membership was to be held here at once, Westerfield is touring the state in the interest of his organization and will be in Mississippi at least the rest of the week.

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Negro Birchers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A spokesman for the John Birch Society says the organization now includes about 400 Negro members.

John H. Rousselot, Birch Society public relations director, told City College audience that some of the group's Negro members hold staff positions and are in demand as speakers. "They (Negroes) know we're not in favor of white power or black power—just the power of all Americans," said Rousselot.

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John Birch Film Shown At Home Of Dr. Stoddard

Dr. P. R. Stoddard was host to the recent meeting of a Meridian chapter of the John Birch Society at his residence, 4206 Club Park Drive.

Program for the evening was the showing and narration of a series of coordinated color film slides entitled "Show Biz In The Streets."

The theme of the presentation was to show how the civil rights demonstrations, street riots and the variety of marches nationwide, were produced with the skill of movie directors, with the casting of leading roles made by members of the Communist Party.

The film also showed how the goal of control over the three main segments of this nation — the schools, police and food supply — was being brought about by the Communist.

R. L. Tinsley announced that "Show Biz In The Streets" is available to individuals and groups upon request, allowing time for getting the film, since it is available throughout the state.

Tinsley also announced that the chapter owned the film "Anarchy U. S. A." and that it was available on short notice. This film, he said, shows how Communists have perpetuated the takeover of other nations and how the same plan was being used here in the United States.

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THE MERIDIAN SEAR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, Jackson

FROM: SAC, Memphis (62-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)

DATE: 4/13/67

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An individual giving his name only as [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office on 4/10/67 and advised he wanted it made a matter of record that he subscribes to the publication the "Daily Worker." He said his employer, a Mississippi State Coordinator, told him he should notify the FBI that he subscribes to this paper. [REDACTED] also stated he is [REDACTED] of the John Birch Society at [REDACTED] and resides at [REDACTED] Telephone No. [REDACTED]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-2836) ²⁵⁰³

DATE: 5/3/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ¹⁵⁷⁻²⁵⁰³⁻⁴
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On 5/2/67, [REDACTED] was contacted at his request at Forest, Miss., during which conversation [REDACTED] advised he desired to maintain rapport with this agent further advising he and the John Birch Society held the F.B.I. and Director HOOVER in high esteem. He further stated that a high official of the John Birch Society who had written articles critical of the F.B.I. had been dismissed. ^{b6} ^{b7C} ^{Third Party} [✓]

During the conversation with [REDACTED] the following information was noted: ^{b6} ^{b7C} ^{Third Party}

The John Birch Society has chapters in every state to include Alaska and Hawaii. [REDACTED] in Mississippi and future plans call for five coordinators to be in Mississippi. There are a total of 80 coordinators in the United States eighteen of which are in the Southern California area to include Orange, San Diego and Los Angeles, California. ^{b6} ^{b7C}

With regard to the Ku Klux Klan, [REDACTED] advised he openly states to gatherings that a member of the Ku Klux Klan is not allowed to become a member of the John Birch Society and that any current member of JBS who is revealed as a member of the Klan will be kicked out. He advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the JBS about three years ago at Laurel, Mississippi, and that [REDACTED], recommended that [REDACTED] be denied continued membership when it was discovered he was a member of the WKKKKOM. Although [REDACTED] met with resistance from other members of the JBS at Laurel, he continued in his efforts to have [REDACTED] membership revoked. Eventually, it became necessary to revoke the Laurel Charter of the JBS because of the controversy that developed to remove [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated there has not been a chapter at Laurel since. ^{b6} ^{b7C} ^{Third Party} [✓] ¹⁵⁷⁻²⁵⁰³⁻¹³

A film, "Anarchy USA", produced by the JBS attempts to point out Communist tactics of dividing Americans and shows scenes of the KKK and activities of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the civil rights demonstrators. [REDACTED] advised the film emphasizes how the Klan is actually playing into the hands of the Communists by committing acts of violence and further stated [REDACTED] emphasizes this when speaking before JBS members. ⁵



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[] advised he has learned from his section leaders in Columbus and Meridian, Mississippi, that the Ku Klux Klan have been showing the film and [] believes scenes showing the KKK activities may have been cut out. He further advised that no known copies of the film have been sold to the Klan that he is aware of and it is unknown where they obtained the film.

[] further stated with reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING'S visit to Philadelphia, Miss., on two occasions in June 1966, that [] spoke to the JBS Chapter after violence erupted on the first visit and urged the members to get ahold of known troublemakers or those who might commit acts of violence and talk them out of it. [] stated some JBS members took individuals fishing who could have caused trouble on KING'S return visit. He further advised that a JBS member caught an egg that was thrown at the marchers and after a coke bottle was thrown and broke, some JBS members confiscated a sack full of empty coke bottles that some of the spectators had thrown at the marchers.

[] further expressed the opinion that the usefulness of MARTIN LUTHER KING may be ending and that Negroes themselves may perpetrate his assassination to make him a martyr. [] further believed the logical place for greatest effect would be Mississippi.

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Country's Safety Imperiled By Acts

Editor, Daily News — After having read of the recent murder in that Houston, Texas, campus battle of that young policeman and expectant father, Louis Kuba, I checked some statistics and found that since 1960 the number of policemen murdered annually in the line of duty has more than doubled. Recalling that history shows that when respect for law and order breaks down, the safety of the entire country is in peril, I checked further and found some other interesting facts which have had a rather unsettling effect on my golf and bridge games of late, to wit:

"There is a national crisis in crime, this country is in real trouble." Harry Taylor, assistant chief inspector, N. Y. City Police Department.

"Crime looms as a clear and present danger to the existence of organized society." E. J. Younger, district attorney, Los Angeles County.

J. Edgar Hoover said recently: "There is too much concern (in this country) for the 'rights' of an individual who commits a crime. Citizens of this country ought to be able to walk all the streets of our cities without being mugged, raped or robbed." He concluded that this is impossible today.

When O. W. Wilson, Chicago's chief of police, was asked, "are court rulings handicapping police seriously in enforcing the law?" he answered: "In my judgment, yes!"

Is this outbreak of lawlessness planned? In Cleveland, Ohio, the grand jury investigating the recent siege of destruction in their city concluded that the violence was "... organized and exploited by trained and disciplined professionals aided by misguided people, many of whom are avowed believers in violence and extremism, and some of whom are either members of or offices in the Communist Party."

Congressman William Cramer of Florida stated that the evidence clearly shows: "... this

violence is the work of well-trained outside agitators who come into these communities for the express purpose of inciting violent civil disobedience."

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty claims that Communists were instrumental in igniting the bloody 1955 Watts riots. He also issued this warning: "... we face urban guerrilla warfare, an absolute plan to burn and sack the city."

William Epton, spokesman for the Red Chinese orientated Progressive Labor Party, shouted forth this threat just hours before the 1965 Harlem riots began: "... we must smash this state completely and totally. ... We're going to have to kill a lot of these cops, a lot of these judges. ... We'll organize our own army."

Hardy Fry, a Carmichael field secretary, warned: "I don't know the Lord's prayer anymore. I've got me a new prayer now — and it shoots six shots."

Being a little alarmed at this point, I checked to see how concerned were the leaders of our country about all this senseless violence, civil disobedience run rampant and lawless mood sweeping across the land. Lyndon Johnson, in language usually used by Castros, Khrushchevs and Mao Tse Tungs, told a group of students: "I am proud this morning to salute you as follow revolutionaries."

To insure that his words were properly interpreted, he added: "I hope that you ... will go out into the hinterland and rouse the masses and blow the bugles and tell them that the hour has arrived and their day is here; that we are on the march against the ancient enemies and we are going to be successful."

Hubert Humphrey, when recently asked what he would do if he lived in the slums, answered: "I think you'd have more trouble than you have already, because I've got enough spark left in me to lead a mighty good revolt."

The late Adlai Stevenson, during a commencement ad-

dress at Colby College in 1964, actually praised the students' participation in this spirit of lawlessness with these words: "... even a jail sentence is no longer a dishonor but a proud achievement."

And Robert F. Kennedy, the senator from New York, when commenting on the Watts riots said, in effect, there is no point in telling Negroes to obey the law when many of them feel the law is their enemy."

Not finding much comfort here I turned to see what the leaders of the colleges were doing. And here I found that a good many colleges such as the University of California at Davis, for example, are now giving academic credit for a course which invites students to join in marches and demonstrations. On reading this I just gave up — for the moment, anyway. Then I recalled having read something about a man named Robert Welch and his John Birch Society. Perhaps we have a chance after all.

Sincerely,
John T. Timothy
Sardis, Miss.

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TO :

SAC, JACKSON (157-2503) (C)

DATE: 7/24/68

FROM :

SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/15/68 [redacted]

John Birch Society who resides at [redacted] personally contacted this Agent in [redacted], and requested that this Agent contact him later in the day as he had some things he wanted to discuss.

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During the evening of 7/15/68 SA'S [redacted] and [redacted] contacted [redacted] at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

[redacted] reiterated that he is currently [redacted] for the John Birch Society and as such, [redacted] John Birch Society activities within the State of Miss. [redacted] continued that he wanted it to be known the FBI that the John Birch Society is anti-Klan in nature and will revoke the membership in the John Birch Society of any Ku Klux Klan member that is discovered.

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With relation to the recent "Conservative Rally" that was held at Pearl, Miss., [redacted] stated that he was very upset that the John Birch Society name appeared on the posters advertising this rally as no permission had been given. He stated he further understood that Governor JOHN BELL WILLIAMS was also highly perturbed that his name appeared on the posters as well as numerous other names that appeared on the poster which gave the impression that the various individuals and

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groups such as the John Birch Society sponsored such a rally which was not the case. [] stated that he understood a woman had made arrangements to rent the school that was used for the "Conservative Rally" that was held; however, he is not aware of her name.

[] further stated that the John Birch Society Chapter at Philadelphia, Miss., is apparently having problems with the Ku Klux Klan in the area as the Klan is irritated because the John Birch Society publically states that no active Klansmen can become members of the John Birch Society.

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[] further commented that DELMAR DENNIS was a member of the John Birch Society at Meridian, Miss., and after he testified in the trial concerning the slaying of the three Civil Rights workers, [] who was [] the John Birch Society in Meridian at the time, attempted to get [] to revoke the membership of DELMAR DENNIS. [] stated [] refused to do so which highly irritated [] and this was a factor in the dissolving of the John Birch Society Chapter at Meridian. [] noted that the charter has been revoked at Meridian and he further commented that [] and [] were John Birch Society Members at the time of the trial and their membership was revoked.

[] further stated that he understood that various klansmen in the Meridian area nominated John Birch Society members for officers in the White Citizen's Council at Meridian, Miss., which [] felt was an effort to use the John Birch Society as a front for the klansmen who would feel they could influence the John Birch Society members that they had helped place in positions within the White Citizen's Council. [] stated that when this effort on the part of the klan was brought to his attention, he immediately instructed the John Birch Society members to resign their positions from the White Citizen's Council; however all did not

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do so. He stated this was also a contributing factor in the revocation of the John Birch Society Charter in Meridian, Miss.

[] further remarked that he is forwarding newspaper clippings concerning the recent attempted bombing of a Meridian businessman's home and shooting of a police officer to his headquarters in Belmont, California. He further stated that he keeps his headquarters in Belmont informed of most all racial incidents in the Miss. area.

[] also let it be known that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI in whatever way he could and stated he would furnish any information concerning Ku Klux Klan activities that may come to his attention and stated he will not tolerate any violence by any John Birch Society members nor would he in anyway allow the John Birch Society to become affiliated with or "infiltrated" by the Ku Klux Klan.

[] stated that [] who has lead demonstrations and given several talks in Mississippi is of extreme interest to the John Birch Society inasmuch as his background and motives are unknown, although he professes to be a follower of the conservative cause. [] noted that he is forwarding all newspaper articles concerning [] to his headquarters in Belmont, California and has attempted to obtain some background information concerning [] [] further stated that he had determined that [] had gone to school at "Rutger's" University which is the same school that [] understands [] attended.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-)

DATE: 7/30/68

FROM : SA [redacted]

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/29/68, [redacted], John Birch Society, State of Mississippi, who resides at [redacted], advised the JBS has a program called "Let Liberty Ring" which consists of a taped message that can be heard by dialing telephone number 469-1776. He stated it was started several months ago during an Urban Renewal Program drive that was started in Forest, Mississippi, which was opposed by the JBS and subsequently defeated at the polls.

[redacted] continued that the telephone messages are changed periodically and one such message referred in part to the recent attempted bombing in Meridian, Mississippi, and wounding of a police officer.

[redacted] stated that he received a telephone call the evening of July 15, 1968 from [redacted], Newton County, Miss., who identified himself as a member of the UKA, Inc., and who related he had been interviewed by FBI Agents. [redacted] requested that the message referring to the KKK and attempted bombing in Meridian, be removed. He further remarked to [redacted] that the Meridian Police are Communists and "bloodthirsty" and indicated that he condoned the actions of [redacted] and [redacted]. He further made derogatory comments about the FBI. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not threaten him or state any action would be taken if [redacted] did not remove the taped message.

[redacted] continued that he subsequently played another tape on the telephone after he received [redacted] call.

[redacted] made available a mimeographed sheet of paper containing two messages. The one marked "1" was the basis of [redacted] call and the other side, number "2", was played subsequent to [redacted] call.

It is requested xerox copies of the mimeographed sheet be made and serialized into files designated for this memo.

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LET LIBERTY RING! (Tel 469-1776)

715 Hillsboro St.
Forest, Miss.

There is a deliberately fomented and promoted breakdown of morality, of sanity, and of decency on every side in our country today.

By a hundred specific methods, the communists are working every minute to reduce our civilization to chaos and man himself to the level of the dirtiest beasts.

Under these circumstances, it is of vital importance that Christians maintain both level heads and uncompromising consciences by keeping a sound mind in a sound body.

We must recognize that:

Dirt is still dirt even on the neck of a duchess.

Bribery and blackmail of business and community leaders is a corrupt practice, no matter how "respectable" the public official who promotes it.

Arson and bombing of churches, synagogues, homes and businesses is still an unforgivable crime, and is just as repugnant when committed by "communist influenced" night riders, of a KKK posing as Christian anti-communists as it is by the members of a mob to the cries of "burn, baby, burn".

Any attempt to discredit local police officers while enforcing the law, with the charge of "police brutality", "trigger happy", "blood thirsty", and "incompetent" is assisting our nation down the road to anarchy whether these slogans are repeated by the "black power" anarchists or by a militant, white, front group for a "communist controlled" Ku Klux Klan.

To dignify a married woman as "a wonderful Christian patriot" who is killed while out late at night on a bombing mission with a criminal wanted by the FBI, is just as hypocritical and deceitful as saying that Martin Luther King was a Christian leader, or ordering the flag flown at half-staff, or declaring a day of mourning for this pro-communist.

All of these phenomena, actions, and attitudes -- and scores of others equally repugnant to the instincts of our fathers -- are now promoted skillfully and deceptively as praise-worthy exhibitions and a supposedly noble rebelliousness.

NO WONDER OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED!!!!!!

Thank you for calling -- Education is our total strategy and truth our only weapon.

LET LIBERTY RING!

LET LIBERTY RING!
(Tel. #469-1776)

715 Hillsboro St.
Forest, Miss.

"---- one of the great meries of communism is that nothing is left to chance", so stated Joseph Stalin. And, it is time to understand a communist tactic so incredible, so twisted, that to the normal American mind it seems almost impossible.

It is imperative that you understand this tactic, used by the communist, "to leave nothing to chance".

Why is it that a person will commit an act of violence such as burning a church, bombing synagogues and homes, murder or call the local police "blood thirsty" and "incompetent"?

Marxism-Leninism teaches that no revolution can hope to succeed unless there is an effective counter-revolution. And the only way the communist can beat the opposition is to control the opposition.

How can the communist do that? The answer is simple. By using the communist tactic of infiltrating--and creating so called "right-wing" groups in which a "right wing" organization is actually run by an unknown communist posing as a "conservative".

This tactic is what Stalin meant by "leave nothing to chance". By controlling the opposition, the communist are able to confuse, divide, and even neutralize, but more importantly, by conducting their own opposition, the communist can create problems they say they can solve--and then, provoke someone into committing an act of violence as the solution to the problem.

And so, the person who does the provoking has come to be known as--the "agent provocateur". In short: He creates the so-called "problem", and then with an air of perfect innocence--he denounces the problem and blames the police after a wave of violence has been provoked by him.

In the meantime, those who were provoked into committing acts of violence by the "agent provocateur" are caught, accused, tried, found guilty, and sentenced to prison, while the "agent provocateur" probably goes free to enlist more suckers to commit other illegal, immoral and unconstitutional acts.

DON'T BE A SUCKER! ! ! ! ! SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

For more information on this communist tactic send 75c to:
It's Very Simple, Box 426, Forest, Miss.

Thank you for calling--Education is our total strategy and truth our only weapon.

LET LIBERTY RING!

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Whitworth's Big Annual Dinner Here October 10

Whitworth College, a co-educational college located in Brookhaven, will sponsor its first annual Whitworth College annual dinner conference in Jackson, Oct. 10.

Tom Anderson will be the guest speaker for the college's fund-raising affair. Gov. John Bell Williams is scheduled to introduce Anderson.

The conference will be held in the Olympic Room of the Heibelberg Hotel in Jackson. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained by writing Dr. Rodney Lee, ticket chairman, 734 Woodhill Road, Jackson. They are \$10 each. Proceeds will go to Whitworth College.

Whitworth College was established in 1858 and continuous with its predecessor, Elizabeth Academy, founded in 1818 at Washington, has the distinction of being the oldest institution for the higher education of women in Mississippi, and one of the oldest in the United States.

A two-story frame building and a plot of land donated by the Rev. Milton J. Whitworth to the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Church



B. F. GERALD
President

gave the institution its present site and the name it now bears.

In 1861, with but two classes having graduated, college operations were suspended, and the halls were used as a hospital for soldiers and it was not until 1865 that collegiate instruction was resumed.

Whitworth operated under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South until 1938, when it became a strictly private institution. In 1960, the property was leased to the Methodist Protestant Church.

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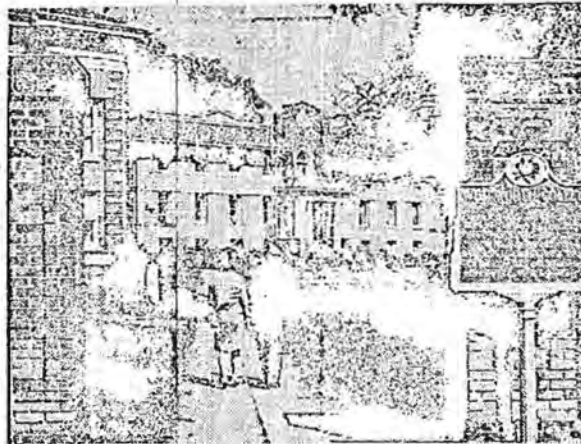
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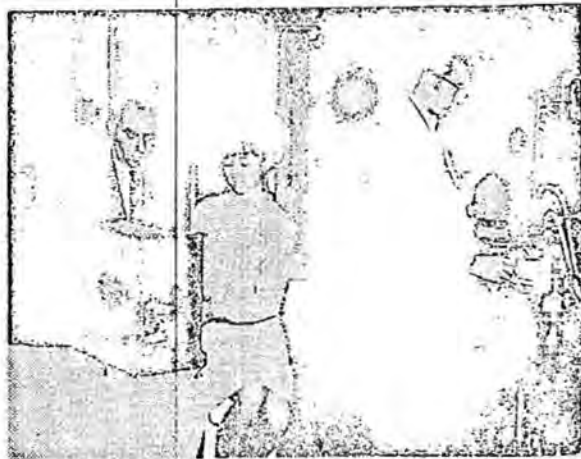
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CAMPUS SCENE
Gateway to Whitworth Quadrangle



IN SCIENCE LAB
Dr. M. O. Pease is Instructing

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Whitworth College Has Annual Dinner Meeting

By BILL MARBLE

Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Whitworth College staged its annual dinner conference Tuesday at the Heidelberg Hotel with a large gathering of friends of the school and a number of notable guests.

Tom Anderson, widely known speaker for the conservative political force, keynoted the event.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was former governor Ross R. Barnett. Although it was a relatively new rule for the former chief executive, Barnett entertained the audience with the type of folksy humor that so often aided him during election campaigns.

College president, Rev. B. F. Gerald, described Whitworth as an institution dedicated to providing its students with a quality education based on the principles of Christianity and patriotism.

Gerald expressed his gratitude for the concern shown the school by so many persons and cited several examples of the institution's steady growth.

Numerous advances have been made in the past few years, Gerald said, "and the college is expected to experience many more in the near future."

The president characterized the student body and faculty of Whitworth as cognizant of the principles of greatness and true Christian service.

"At Whitworth," he said, "we have a dream of service to you and to your children."

Whitworth College is a state accredited four-year school located in Brookhaven. It was founded by Milton J. Whitworth, pioneer planter and lay minister in 1858 as a Methodist women's college.

Whitworth has been described as "a southern Christian liberal arts college."

State Supreme Court Justice Tom Brady introduced Anderson, describing him as "a great

man." Brady also announced that Gov. John Bell Williams had Thursday made Anderson an honorary member of the governor's staff of colonels.

Brady presented a certificate citing the honor to Anderson at the dinner. Williams was unable to be present at the conference because of prior commitments.

Other prominent officials, however, attended the event, including Jackson city officers, Lincoln County officials, a circuit judge and several state legislators.

Wasting no time, the popular lecturer told the audience from first word to last phrase what they had come to hear.

Speaking on "higher Education in Non-Government Supported Colleges," Anderson proclaimed that it is impossible to have both federal aid and freedom.

"Government must be understood, participated in, distrusted and controlled," he continued.

Anderson said that America needs more Christian colleges, more schools like Whitworth College. "Education," he stated, "is the continuing de-

velopment of the mind, heart and character, placing special emphasis on character."

Once again he pointed out, it is this type education that is offered by Whitworth and other such private colleges. These principles, he said, must be taught once again, and they "can be taught best in private schools."

Anderson cautioned the audience on what he said the Communist scheme of taking over this nation—assuming control of the educational system.

To combat this, Anderson pleaded with his audience, "Get involved in Whitworth College and in other Christian, patriotic and conservative organizations."

"To fail to do so," he concluded, "will mean the death of this nation."

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* Executive Committee

[Redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear [Redacted]:

Mrs. Julia Brown, formerly an undercover agent for the FBI and author of "I Testify", will make the following appearances in Mississippi:

Clarksdale - Friday, November the 22nd, 1968,
Coahoma Court House, 7:30 PM.

Hattiesburg - Tuesday, November the 26th, 1968,
William Carey College Auditorium, 7:30 PM.

Meridian - Monday, December the 2nd, 1968,
Lauderdale County Court House, 7:30 PM.

The above appearances will be fully opened to the public including the Negroes.

On Monday, November the 25th, 1968, Mrs. Julia Brown will be the guest of the Negro High School in Macon, from 10 AM through the lunch period, for a speech to the student body and a "get-acquainted" session with the faculty. At 6 PM, she will speak to a group of Negro parents.

You and your agents are welcome to any and all of these appearances by Mrs. Julia Brown, who is being sponsored by the TACT Committees in the above listed towns.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Block]

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The reputation of any national organization, at the local level, is usually determined by the character or attitudes of its leadership. In one city, for instance, an organization might merit praise; in another, criticism. Yet the goals, the ideals and principles, supposedly would be the same.

I believe we have had an example of this situation in Forest ever since the anonymous Voice of 1776 went on the air via telephone transcription.

Although he has never admitted it on any of his tapes, people in Forest know that the voice is that of Vernon Pace, the paid coordinator of the John Birch Society in Mississippi.

Question: Is he speaking his militant, obnoxious and destructive themes as Vernon Pace, citizen, or for the members of the Society? This is important.

Is he speaking as a citizen or as a John Birch when he terms the local newspaper "socialistic"; when he refers to "scandals" in a comment about City Hall; when he infers "fraud" in registrations by the City Election Commission; when he opposes any form of federal grants or lending programs with the charge that we are embracing "socialism", the "next step" to communism? (After some of his statements he carefully quotes Lenin or Marx or others of similar philosophies).

Is he speaking as Vernon Pace, citizen, or for the Society, when he suggests that the mayor is using his office to benefit his personal business?

Many of his statements and phrases would be considered libelous if printed in a newspaper.

Frankly, I'm not concerned with what he has said about the Scott County Times or its editor. All of us in the newspaper business have learned long ago to develop thick skins and treat such diatribes with detached amusement.

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But I do resent it when Vernon Pace, as citizen or as paid coordinator for the John Birch Society, extends his venom against some of our prominent citizens who are far more concerned about the growth and development of Forest than Mr. Pace.

For instance, if he has information on "scandals" at City Hall, why not bring them out openly and file charges? If he is convinced the election commission is guilty of irregularities, why not ask for an investigation - which would certainly be granted.

If he has differences with Wendy Sessums, president of the Chamber of Commerce, why not ask to appear before the board of directors of the Chamber and air his grievances?

Does he think he has impaired the reputation of members of the election commission - John Boutwell, chairman; Roger Burns and Glt Wallace?

I have not asked for any comment from Mayor Fred Gaddis, Mr. Sessums, or some of the others who have been targets of 1776. However, Mr. Boutwell made it a point to say, in connection with the accusations:

"This classic example of galloping stupidity, obviously originated by a malicious crackpot, does not really deserve a reply, but any citizen can readily get an answer to any question regarding the election simply by contacting any member of the commission."

Whether or not Vernon Pace is attempting his so-called crusade as a citizen is really beside the point. The John Birch Society is getting the blame. There is no way to separate Mr. Pace from the Society that pays his salary. Any members of the Society in Forest are contributing to the Voice of 1776 by their dues of \$24.00 per year.

Thus, while John Birchers elsewhere may have earned the respect and cooperation of their communities, this is not the case in Forest.

I don't know, for certainty, the identity of any Society members in Forest. I understand they meet once a month, as required, but they apparently meet in secret. If they have a program, or are doing anything at all, it has never been known to the newspaper.

To be objective in this column, I acquired a copy of The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, written by the founder and president, Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts.

He said:

"Our enemy is the Communists and we must not lose sight of that fact for a minute. We are fighting the Communists - and nobody else."

Where are the "communists" in Forest? Are they the respected local citizens who have been so viciously attacked on 1776?

Mr. Welch also said:

"The purpose of the John Birch Society is to promote less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Certainly we all agree, just as we approve his remarks against "internationalism" that affects the sovereignty of the nation.

I disagree with references in the book that Woodrow Wilson started the nation on the road to totalitarianism and that he was "duped" by collectivists in World War I; I disagree with the implication that President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gen-

eral George Marshall were guilty of "treason" in connection with World War II; I disagree with the statement that General Ike Eisenhower was "soft" on Communism.

I agree that all leaders probably make mistakes, but I am convinced they are based on judgments of the times rather than disloyalty to their nation.

And herein lies the big differences between healthy disagreement and the Voice of 1776? To Mr. Pace, anybody who doesn't hew to his philosophies is a "socialist" heading down the drain toward Communism. He leaves no area of honest differences. There is not one reference on any of the 187 pages of The Blue Book that authorizes, permits, approves or encourages the type of campaign being waged over 1776.

The Voice of 1776 has sounded a note of doom for Forest because the city has received, in recent years, a total of \$581,662 in federal funds for a number of essential projects. To raise this amount through taxation would have required a five-mill levy for 15 years!

By his own reasoning I could assume he - and the John Birch Society - favor higher taxes rather than resorting to some of our own money coming back from Washington. But I make no charge; I concede his right to differ in principle.

The big word to the John Birch Society is "socialism." It is weaker than Communism but implies following the "Communist line."

Just WHAT is the definition of Socialism?

In 1935, when Mississippi enacted the BAWI program to develop new industries, the state was attacked in New England and elsewhere as being "on the road to socialism." At one time or another, the word has been used in connection with welfare, social security, government ownership of forest land, construction of recreation areas with federal participation, Medicare and Medicaid.

I make no attempt to offer a proper definition. Sometimes I think socialism is only "what the other fellow gets from the federal government."

But I do say - firmly and irrevocably - that those who are in sympathy with these programs, in Forest or elsewhere, are NOT Communists and are just as loyal to the American flag and what it stands for as any member of the John Birch Society - Mr. Pace included.

I found something else in The Blue Book that was rather enlightening.

Mr. Welch said:

"The John Birch Society will function almost entirely through small chapters, usually of ten to twenty dedicated patriots. Each will have a chapter leader APPOINTED BY HEADQUARTERS WHICH IS IN BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS; or appointed through officers of the Society in the field WHO HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN DULY APPOINTED BY HEADQUARTERS. It shall be the duty of each chapter leader to collect such dues regularly and FORWARD THEM TO HEADQUARTERS."

He also said that coordinators - like Mr. Pace - shall be appointed as salaried representatives to aid the organizations. The coordinators, too ARE APPOINTED BY HEADQUARTERS.

These rules are as totalitarian as any practiced by dictatorial nations. They are in sharp contrast to the "republican" form of government supposedly promoted by the Society. Members of a local chapter, such as in Forest, don't even have the right to elect their chapter leader! He must be appointed from Belmont. Neither does a local chapter, or any group of chapters, have any authority to select or recommend the coordinator. This, too, must be done in Belmont.

The John Birch Society seems to operate under a system

even more centralized than the federal government!

But back to my point. Vernon Pace was, is, and in the future, speaking for the John Birch Society. In view of this are there any members of the Society in Forest or Scott county who will admit to membership? It's their business, of course, but frankly I wouldn't belong to any organization unless I could proudly and publicly show my membership card.

It's tragic that a Society inspired by the courage and sacrifice of a missionary in China named John Birch, and organized along anti-Communist policies supported by all Americans, should have degenerated to such a low in Forest.

Vernon Pace has destroyed, in this area, whatever good might have resulted through the John Birch Society and its original aims and purposes. The "ring of liberty", over 1776, has a rather hollow sound.

I assume this column, to the John Birchers and to Mr. Pace, particularly, makes me a Lenin-Marxist-Stalinist socialist, communist! So ho hum.

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Birchers Sponsoring Jarrell Tour

Conrad Jarrell, a chapter leader of the John Birch Society in Georgia, will be on tour in the state of Mississippi Feb. 16-27. Jarrell will be giving a discussion of court ordered school desegregation.

Having organized a campaign in Washington, Ga. in opposition to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Jarrell will discuss "The Federal Takeover of Schools - A Giant Step Toward Tyranny!"

"Where or with whom our children go to school is not the whole battle. Rather it is whether we are the masters or the servants of our own government, whether we are to be free Americans or slaves of an all-powerful dictatorial state", says Jarrell.

The tour schedule calls for appearances in the following Mississippi towns: Hattiesburg, Feb. 16 - William Carey College Auditorium; Magee, Feb. 17 - Magee Community House; Starkville, 19; Lucedale, Feb. 20 - Unified Private School; Meridian, Feb. 23 - Downtown Motor Inn; Greenville, Feb. 24 - Downtowner Motel; Jackson, Feb. 25 - War Memorial Building; Columbus, Feb. 27 - City Auditorium.

Jarrell's tour is being sponsored by the local chapters of the John Birch Society. The public is invited.

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John Birch Leader Will Speak Here

Local members of the John Birch Society will present Conrad Jarrell, a Society leader from Georgia, in a discussion of court-ordered school desegregation Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The talk entitled "The Federal Takeover of Schools—A Giant Step Toward Tyranny!" will be given at The War Memorial Building and the public is invited.

In discussing the present crisis in education, Jarrell, a native of Alabama, stated "It's not just the schools that are under attack. It's not even just the South. The target of the Federal juggernaut is, quite simply, free men everywhere."

He continued: "The forced integration of school children is wrong. The takeover of education by the Federal government is equally wrong. But these steps by our government are only parts of the larger problem—the drive toward central tyranny which is promoted and fostered by the Communist Conspiracy. If we are to live as free men, it is absolutely imperative that we understand exactly who and what our enemy is."

Jarrell is a former Marine who attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery. He is presently the pastor of a Primitive Baptist Church.

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Birch speaker attacks integration

By **DIAL PARROTT**
DD-T Staff Writer

Integration in the South is part of an international communist conspiracy manifested by presidential efforts to create a totalitarian state in America, a John Birch Society speaker said here Tuesday night.

Conrad Jarrell, pastor of a Primitive Baptist church in Montgomery, Ala., told the audience of 200 that the "federal takeover of the schools" was only part of a larger plan. He said it included the possibility that President Nixon could announce a civil emergency and place American citizens in forced work gangs.

Jarrell spoke at the Plantation Room in the Downtowner under the sponsorship of the Greenville-Leland Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT) Committee.

The blueprint for this "dictatorship" already exists, Jarrell said. He said that it

has been the official policy of the Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations to disarm the United States and place it under the control of the "communist-initiated and run" United Nations.

Jarrell said those who opposed school integration have three choices: to surrender their rights, to put their children in private schools or to fight. He said no "red-blooded American" would ever take the first choice, but also warned against seizing private schools as an answer.

"How will the best private school in this country guarantee that you and your children won't go to a forced labor compound?" he asked. He said the only way to resist the tyranny ahead was to educate the public to the communist menace.

Jarrell said that the threat to local control of schools began in the 1930s when Franklin D. Roosevelt began to pack the court with his

"hand-picked men" and has continued through succeeding administrations.

Jarrell cited Eisenhower's appointment of Earl Warren, Johnson's appointment of Thurgood Marshall and Nixon's appointment of Warren Burger to the high court as examples.

Jarrell said that acquiescence to the federal takeover was a very real danger. "If you slop at the federal trough, the government has the right to hang your hams from the smokehouse," he said.

Jarrell said he was basically against integration because it meant federal control of local institutions. He also said that it would create "bitter hatred between the races."

The audience took the podium-thumping, arm-waving, emotionally delivered speech calmly for the most part, twice interrupting with applause.

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Dear Sir:

We assume that because we have written several letters to the editor that you have taken the liberty to send us a sample copy of The Thunderbolt. We also assume that you have an idea we might be interested in subscribing to The Thunderbolt. If so, this is a false assumption on your part.

We are entirely informed about The Thunderbolt and the National States Rights Party through information supplied from reliable sources and we are requesting that you remove our names from your list of those to receive any offers of any kind, now or in the future.

Sincerely,

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Priest-Bircher Calls Pope Weak; Blasts Calley Verdict

By GEORGE WHITTINGTON
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

A Catholic priest who is a spokesman for the John Birch Society charged here Tuesday night that Pope Paul is "weak" for "bestowing an aura of respectability on that mass murderer, Marshal Tito", and called the trial of Lt. William L. Calley "a vast frame-up."

Father Francis E. Fenton of Bridgeport, Conn., currently touring the South in behalf of the Birch organization, also estimated that membership in the society has now reached 100,000, of whom 40 per cent are Catholics.

But, he said, the Catholic membership figure will not hold true in the south central United States, because of the "propaganda smear" laid on the organization. He estimated that the strongest membership is in the West.

The slash at Pope Paul came both during a speech and in a question-answer period following, with the latter remarks called "an extension" made by way of explanation. The Pope's attitude, Father Fenton said, reflects much of the philosophy of the Catholic Church today, as well as of the liberal philosophies of other churches.

"There was a time," Father Fenton said, "when I believed our hope for survival against communism lay in the churches. Unfortunately, that is not now true."

The priest was also sharply critical of Pope Paul for lauding the World Council of Churches during a meeting of that body, as an organization in which the

spirit of Christianity was personified.

Of Calley's trial and conviction, Father Fenton said the trial was an extension of a "massive propaganda" program which is aimed at "de-stressing respect for our armed forces." He accused those "political opportunists who push such programs as 'playing into the hands of the Communist conspiracy.'"

Speaking to a small audience made up primarily of chapter leaders and officers of the Society, in a session at the Heidelberg Hotel, Father Fenton defended the Birch organization as "far and away the best and only reasonable hope of America" in the nation's battle against Communism.

It was in extending his remarks about "communists that

Father Fenton launched his lash at Pope Paul, who, he said, allowed the Red Star of Communism to be draped over the Vatican earlier this week, while lauding the Yugoslavian dictator as "a great humanitarian."

"The best I can say for him is that he is a weak pope," Father Fenton declared.

The priest, in a stereotype address being delivered during his present tour of the country, defended the Birch Society as being "educational and non-political," while denying that it is either anti-Semitic or anti-Catholic.

As a matter of fact, Father Fenton asserted, five of the 28 members of the society's controlling council are Catholics, while some of its most active and outstanding writers and speakers are Jewish. He said a

number of Negro leaders, including George Sengler, an outstanding conservative Negro author.

The priest also lashed at President Nixon as playing into the hands of liberals, and laughingly referred to the president as having a Birchler as a congressman. He referred to Congressman John Schmidt of California, who now has seat by a two-to-one majority over the widow of Medgar Evers.

In his reference to Schmidt and other conservative, Birch-member congressmen elected from the West Coast in recent years, Father Fenton said the U. S. House of Representatives needs only about 50 such members in order to bring a degree of control over liberalization in Washington.

He said the hope of America today lies in the House rather than in the Senate, which he said is "gone."

"If Richard Nixon nominated (former Russian Premier Khrushchev for an appointment today," Father Benton asserted, "The United States Senate would approve it."

And while the Birch Society is making its greatest strides in its 12-year history, he said, "A communist still would have a better job of holding a federal post today than would a member of the society."

He urged "closer study" of the organization's philosophy and aims, and said the society seeks "quality rather than quantity" in its membership. For this reason, he said, the news media are beginning to give it more favorable notice after years of "sinear campaigns."

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

[redacted] The John Birch Society in the State of Mississippi and [redacted]

[redacted] During this period of time, I was and still am, a strong and firm believer in what The John Birch Society stands for. I am sure that you are familiar, to some extent and to what extent I do not know, with the aims and purposes of The John Birch Society. I do know that you have issued statements to the effect that The John Birch Society has never been under investigation by the F. B. I.

[redacted] This newspaper is in competition, from an advertising standpoint, with The Scott County Times, which is published in Forest, Mississippi. The [redacted] The Scott County Times is [redacted] who was formerly the [redacted] the Sovereignty Commission in the State of Mississippi. [redacted] has claimed on a number of occasions, that he is or was an undercover agent for the F. B. I.

In other instances, he has attempted to influence some of the business men in Morton to discontinue doing business with my firm on the basis that I was [redacted] for The John Birch Society, and at the same time implying that there is something wrong with The John Birch Society. Since he has claimed an association or close connection with the F. B. I., he attempts to impress some of my clients with this influence and connection.

It appears to me, that he is using the well-known communist tactic of trying to destroy the anti-communist and the anti-communist movement in this country. He is using the tactic so well described by the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws in their publication on page 34 of their most recent document entitled The Assault on Freedom.

This background information is being related to you in order that I might ask you if there is any basis whatsoever, for [redacted] implied statements and actions regarding The John Birch Society? Is there anything wrong with The John Birch Society which would be a basis for [redacted] to advise my clients not to do business with [redacted] with The John Birch Society?

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Your frank and prompt answer will be greatly appreciated, as I have always had the very highest regard for you, your efforts in behalf of our country, and your organization.

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Sincerely,

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Dear 

I have received your letter of December 10th and regret I am unable to furnish the information you are seeking. I can say, however, that your statement that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society is correct.

Sincerely yours,


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Birchers Ask For Sanctions On Communists

Frank Horvath, of Forest, Chapter Leader of The John Birch Society, said today, "if President Nixon really wants to stop other Communist countries from supplying North Vietnam, he could cut that supply line in Washington D. C. before those supplies ever reach Haiphong harbor. The John Birch Society feels that if President Nixon intends to stop Communist aggression in Vietnam, he will stop providing economic aid to the Communists. After eleven years of war, and fifty thousand deaths, it is certainly time to stop helping our enemies. Mining the North Vietnamese harbors at this time is closing the barn door after the horse is gone."

Horvath said, "if President Nixon is really sincere, then mining Haiphong harbor should be backed up by total economic sanctions on Russia and other Communist countries until they cease arming The Communist invaders of South Vietnam. The local Chapters of The John Birch Society obtained hundreds of signatures on petitions to President Nixon asking him to stop all aid to and with all the Communist nations who are supplying the tanks and other weapons for North Vietnam, and we hope many other citizens join with us in this request."

On September 12, 1968, while addressing the annual convention of the American Legion, candidate Nixon declared that there should be no trading with any nation, including the Soviet Union, that aids the enemy in North Vietnam. Horvath said, "all we ask is that President Nixon keep his promise to the American people."

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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

X | In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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On May 7, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that at a meeting

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Characterizations of United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (North Carolina), and its parent organization, United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans), are set forth in the Appendix section of this memorandum.

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On May 1, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that on [REDACTED]

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height [REDACTED] pounds, [REDACTED]

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On May 10, 1963, [redacted] North Carolina, advised that he had [redacted]

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (N. C.)
(UNITED KLANS)

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, have two klaverns, one at Salisbury, North Carolina, and one at Monroe, North Carolina, which became affiliated with the national organization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in the Spring of 1961. The organization in North Carolina has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, advocacy of segregation of the races and white supremacy.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by [REDACTED] Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states. b7C

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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